## IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please amend the claims as indicated below.

- (Currently Amended) A modem module for connecting to a carrier assembly, comprising:
   circuitry for interfacing with a telephone line; and
   one or more solder pads for connecting <u>a signal line of</u> said modem module to said carrier assembly.
- 2. (Original) The modem module of claim 1, further comprising a tip/ring connector for interfacing with said telephone line.
  - 3. (Original) The modem module of claim 1, further comprising a connection to a tip/ring connector.
- 4. (Original) The modem module of claim 1, wherein said carrier assembly is a motherboard.
  - 5. (Original) The modem module of claim 1, wherein said one or more solder pads are soldered to corresponding one or more solder pads on said carrier assembly.
- 20 6. (Original) The modem module of claim 1, wherein said modem assembly is fabricated on a printed circuit board.
  - 7. (Original) The modem module of claim 1, wherein said modem assembly is an integrated device.
  - 8. (Currently Amended) A method for fabricating a modem module for connection to a carrier assembly, comprising the steps of:

providing circuitry on a printed circuit board for interfacing with a telephone line; and

providing one or more solder pads on said printed circuit board for connecting <u>a</u> signal line of said modem module to said carrier assembly.

- 9. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of providing a tip/ring connector for interfacing with said telephone line.
- 5 10. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of connecting to a tip/ring connector.
  - 11. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein said carrier assembly is a motherboard.
- 10 12. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of soldering said one or more solder pads to corresponding one or more solder pads on said carrier assembly.
  - 13. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of fabricating said modem assembly on a printed circuit board.
  - 14. (Currently Amended) A printed circuit board, comprising:

    modem circuitry for interfacing with a telephone line; and

    one or more solder pads for connecting <u>a signal line of</u> said modem circuitry to a

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carrier assembly.

- 15. (Original) The printed circuit board of claim 14, further comprising a tip/ring connector for interfacing with said telephone line.
- 16. (Original) The printed circuit board of claim 14, further comprising a connection to a tip/ring connector.
  - 17. (Original) The printed circuit board of claim 14, wherein said carrier assembly is a motherboard.
- 30 18. (Original) The printed circuit board of claim 14, wherein said one or more solder pads are soldered to corresponding one or more solder pads on said carrier assembly.

- 19. (Original) The printed circuit board of claim 14, wherein said modem assembly is fabricated on a printed circuit board.
- 5 20. (Original) The printed circuit board of claim 14, wherein said modem assembly is an integrated device.